

BRITISH WOMEN MAKING SHELLS FOR HUSBANDS AT THE FRONT

(Correspondence Associated Press) MANCHESTER, Eng., June 17.—The women of England are making the shells with which the British army is beating back the enemy, and are doing the work at an average pay equivalent to \$10 a week.

The managing director of a big naval construction works here is unable to employ domestic servants because all the women formerly employed as servants have gone to work in shell factories.

When the factory men were called to the colors, women quietly stepped into their places. The vast majority of the women had neither skill nor training in munitions work, but the factory engineers by installing what is known as single-process machines made it possible for the women to do the complicated work that previously only skilled men had been able to accomplish.

In a week or ten days a woman learns to operate a single-process

machine. She does her work efficiently and faithfully. Recently in one factory the women made 31,000 4.5-inch shells in eighteen weeks and not a flaw could be found in any shell.

Many of the women workers before the war were operatives in plants for textile manufacture, the chief industry in this region. In peace times their wages averaged about the equivalent of five dollars a week. Now the average is well over ten dollars and, in exceptional cases, fifteen and more.

In some factories women work three shifts of eight hours each, rotating each week. Their employers say that they are not affected by the strain of night work. A large number of the women are doing the hardest kind of manual work.

Piece work is the system used in most of the shell factories, and the managers say that the introduction of piece work increased the output to an amazing degree.

"Women," one of the managers commented, "are more competitive than men workers. Men will work up to a certain point and stop, either because they are indifferent and easily satisfied with the amount of their earnings or because their mates would protest. On the other hand, women do not seem to care what their mates think or say. Each is out for herself."

He pointed to a machine where a girl was working at a great rate of speed. "That young woman," he went on, "doubtless wants a new ribbon for her hair, and she is going to make the shop pay for it."

The minimum wage paid to women in shell factories where the piecework system is in effect is about \$7.50 a week, but unless a girl proves herself capable of making at least \$9 a week she is not regarded as a good worker. It is not uncommon for a particularly intelligent and energetic woman to draw each week from \$17 to \$20.

TEXAS-MEXICANS STAND THE TEST

(By Associated Press) EL PASO, July 24.—San Jose, a little valley settlement on the Mexican border, is as patriotic as is DuPont Circle Washington, D. C. This was demonstrated during the war savings stamp drive. It was haying and peach picking time but on the last day of the drive field hands and their overseers laid down their scythes and tramped a mile to the school house to listen an hour to the speeches in Spanish and English explaining the war savings stamp system. Only five native Americans attended this meeting. Of the 109 others, all spoke Spanish. Many had been with Villa or Huerta in Mexico.

When pledges were called for each of the 114 present signed cards, many Mexicans making their marks. San Jose's quota was \$2500. The pledges totaled \$3500. Many native farmers paid cash or pledged their hay or fruit crops in payment for stamps. San Jose went over the top and oversubscribed her quota by \$1000.

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EPIDEMIC OF INFLUENZA RAGES IN HAWAII

(By Associated Press) HONOLULU, July 7 (By Mail).—An epidemic of influenza starting at an army post is spreading throughout the islands. After some 2000 soldiers had contracted the disease, filling the hospitals, the epidemic spread to Honolulu. Steamships of the Inter Island company were unable to unload their freight at other islands because of the sickness of their crews. The epidemic has also spread to the island of Hawaii.

SEVENTEEN IN FAMILY

(By Associated Press) HONOLULU, July 7 (By Mail).—Kong Lee, a Chinese storekeeper here, has a family of seventeen sons and daughters. Three sons are in the army and one in the navy. One of the boys is a second lieutenant at Camp Gordon, Ga.

be glad to have a line from you giving me the assurance that you will meet this responsibility and duty which is absolutely necessary. "With kindest regards, I am, "Very sincerely yours, (Signed) "THOMAS S. MARTIN."

"The Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C., July 13, 1918.

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"I understand there will be no business before the senate during the recess. Will you not be good enough to remain in Washington so that we may together shape the mineral bill? This I regard as very essential to the war, and as you know the president has favored it.

"Cordially yours, (Signed) "FRANKLIN K. LANE, "Hon. Charles B. Henderson, "United States Senate."

ing mentioned in the unanimous consent order. I do not know what your arrangements are, but some senators must make the sacrifice and attend on the necessary occasions to carry out the orders of the senate. I have talked with many senators on the subject and have gotten a number of them to agree to attend to this duty, and feel that I can tax your fidelity by putting you in the list. It is absolutely necessary for some senators to remain to carry out the order of the senate, and I respectfully ask that you be one of those so to remain. I will

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